

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/036,628

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to pre-appeal request received on 2/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-28 now renumbered 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable for at least the following reasons. The claimed operations indirectly perform a daisy-chain operation for selecting a proxy server to handle call connection request from a client as argued in the pre-appeal request. The claims detail determining if the primary proxy server has a workload exceeding a predefined threshold and if so (else), selecting a delegate proxy server using the sharing workload data, wherein one server has a lower workload than another server; and forwarding the request to the selected delegate proxy server wherein that server is the new primary server and performs all operations as the past primary proxy server, e.g. the determining, selecting, and forwarding operations accordingly. Although the cited prior art of record as detailed in the final rejection teaches a primary VoIP server (1) determining if it can handle a request based on its workload exceeding or not exceeding a threshold (2) selecting a proxy server using shared workload data wherein one proxy server has a workload less than another; and (3) forwarding the request to the proxy server, the cited prior art of record does not allow the delegate proxy server to perform the operations of the past primary proxy server again in relation to the "same request". The prior art at best allows the delegate proxy server to perform the same operations of the past primary proxy server **on subsequent request, i.e. request that are submitted after the handling of the initial request.** This is evident in that the delegate proxy server now becomes the primary proxy server for redirecting or handling new requests. In addition, the prior art does not allude to the delegate proxy server at

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least performing the determining operation, e.g. determining if the server has a workload exceeding a predefined threshold. The prior art of record at best alludes that all request delegated to another server is handled by that server regardless of their workload. Based upon these differences, the cited claims are allowable over the prior art of record and therefore allowable.

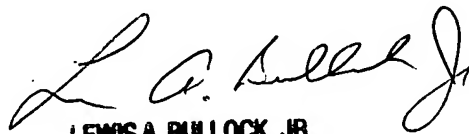
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3759. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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